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REMARKS

Examiner Interview

On November 10, 2004, a personal interview took place at the United States Patent Office. An Interview Summary was prepared by Examiner Bhattacharya and this summary accurately reflects the substance of the interview. In light of the discussion during the interview, amendments have been made to Independent Claims 25 and 31, and to several dependent claims as specified elsewhere herein.

More specifically, with respect to Claim 25, amendments have been made to more clearly distinguish the cited Rossman reference. While Applicants' invention can be distinguished from Rossman on many levels, the focus of the discussion was on the fact that Applicants disclose a system in which the database of wireless contact information is coupled to the systems of one or more telecommunications service providers to gather the contact information for one or more wireless communications devices. Coupling, as the term is used in the art, requires physical coupling through conductive medium such as copper wire or optical fiber. The transmission of data through conductive medium (as opposed to, for example, wireless radio transmission) enables the communication of large data volumes in a relatively secure manner using existing platform architecture. These considerations are critical to the communication between telecommunications service providers and the wireless directory service database of the present invention.

Paragraph 17 of the subject application discusses this critical connection between the service providers and the wireless directory service database. This discussion relates exclusively to communications through conductive medium (i.e., a physical linkage). As discussed in Applicants' Amendment filed on October 20, 2004, the cited Rossman patent, on the other hand, discloses an invention enabling two-way communication between a wireless device and a network. This wireless requirement is not a feature of Applicants' invention and, in fact, represents a teaching away from essential features of the invention.

Claim 25 has been amended to make clear that the connection between the switch station and the systems of the telecommunications service providers is a coupling of the type described above. Claim 31 has been amended to incorporate the system of Claim 25 into a method for providing contact information associated with wireless communication devices.

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Summary

In light of the above Supplemental Amendment, consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted.



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